(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) The strength of the Judges in the Supreme Court is provided under article 124(1) of the Constitution, as amended from time to time. Any change in the number of Judges in the Supreme Court is made with the amendment of the Constitution by bringing legislation before the Parliament. As the requisite information from the Supreme Court has not been received in this regard, no such legislative proposal has been moved.

Action against lawyers stalling working of courts

825. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that General Secretary of Rohini Bar Association along with a number of lawyers and media persons were injured in the violence, which broke out between Rohini Bar Association and members of Delhi Bar Association who did not permit them to enter in Session Court to represent clients;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of Delhi Bar Association Lawyers involved in violence; and

(c) whether Government propose to cancel the registration of lawyers of Delhi Bar Association who prevented the Rohini lawyers to enter the courts and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The lawyers under the banner of Delhi Bar Association have been on strike from 2nd January, 2006 in protest against the shifting of some courts from Tis Hazari to the new Court Complex at Rohini.

(b) On 06.01.2006 at the inauguration of the Rohini Court, the advocates went to Rohini Court and shouted abusive slogans and created nuisance. Thereafter, they have been obstructing the working of the Tis Hazari and Rohini Courts.

(c) Full Court of the High Court of Delhi passed a resolution on 10.01.2006 in which certain directions have been issued to the subordinate courts to meet the situation arising out of the strike by advocates.

Appointment of Law Officer to plead defreezing of Quattrocchi's bank accounts

826. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior Law Officer was deputed to plead with the British Crown Prosecution Service that Mr. Quattrocchi's bank accounts be defrozen as there is no evidence linking him with Bofors deal;

(b) whether the British authorities were also conveyed that the Bofors case had been quashed by courts in India and Government do not want to pursue the matter further; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and on what grounds British authorities were informed, when a criminal case is pending against Mr. Quattrocchi in Indian Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Defreezing of Quattrocchi's bank accounts

827. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Additional Solicitor General went to London to inform the crown Prosecutor that amount deposited in the two British accounts be paid to Mr. Quattrocchi after defreezing the accounts and if so, under whose orders; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry was not officially connected with the Bofors case and if so, the reasons for deputing an official of his Ministry to plead with the British authorities to defreeze the accounts of Quattrocchi?